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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/607,008	<b>Applicant(s)</b> NAIDOO ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Melur Ramakrishnaiah	<b>Art Unit</b> 2614	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 71, 73, 74, 82-87, 91-94 and 97-105 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 71, 73, 74, 82-87, 91-94 and 97-103 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 104 and 105 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some    \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 7-23-2007 has been entered.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 104-105 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Monroe (US PAT: 7,023,913, filed 6-14-2000) in view of Vaio (US PAT: 6,271,752).

Regarding claim 104, Monroe discloses a security system which includes a first subsystem (fig. 1) and a second subsystem for displaying information (figs. 18/25-28), collected by the first subsystem while managing monitoring of the premises (fig. 1), the second subsystem remotely located relative to the first subsystem, an interface (reads on server, fig. 22) for coupling the first subsystem and the second subsystem, the interface comprising: means for receiving potential alarm condition data from the first subsystem (fig. 1), the potential alarm condition related to a first alarm event detected by the first subsystem, means for relaying the potential alarm condition data to the

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second subsystem (figs. 18/25-28), the potential alarm condition data received from the first subsystem and relayed to the second subsystem comprised alarm notification and real time stream of video and/or audio data, means for receiving pre-alarm and/or non-alarm video and/or audio data received from the first subsystem, means for storing the pre-alarm and/or non-alarm video and/or audio data from the first subsystem (col. 5 lines 34-48, col. 8 lines 1-26), and means for permitting the second subsystem to access the stored pre-alarm and/or non-alarm video and/or audio data if the interface receives the alarm notification from the first subsystem (col. 14, line 6 –col. 15, line 65).

Monroe differs from claim 104 in that he does not specifically teach: means for permitting the second subsystem to access the stored pre-alarm and/or non-alarm video and/or audio data only if the interface receives the alarm notification from the first subsystem.

However, Vaios discloses intelligent multi-access system which teaches: means for permitting the second subsystem (8, fig. 1) to access the stored alarm and/or alarm video and/or audio data only if the interface receives the alarm notification from the first subsystem (4, fig. 1; fig. 4; col. 8, line 59 – col. 9, line 5).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Monroe's system to provide for the following: : means for permitting the second subsystem to access the stored pre-alarm and/or non-alarm video and/or audio data only if the interface receives the alarm notification from the first subsystem as this arrangement would facilitate the user to access information from a remote monitoring system only after receiving an alarm notification as taught by Vaios,

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thus facilitating remote user to find out information about alarm situation at monitored place, thus saving user time in remote monitoring of premises.

Regarding claim 105, Monroe further teaches the following: means (reads on stored audio and video data in a server) for constructing alarm history data from the alarm condition data received from the first subsystems (fig. 1) during one or more alarm events which include the first alarm event, the storage information means further comprising means for storing alarm history constructed from the potential alarm condition data received from the first subsystem in connection with one or more alarm events which include the first alarm event, and transmitting means (fig. 1) further comprising means for transmitting the alarm history constructed from the potential alarm condition data received from the first subsystem in connection with one or more alarms (col. 5 lines 34-48; col. 8 lines 1-26; col. 9 lines 3-5; col. 14 lines 29-49).

4. Claims 71, 73-74, 82-87, 91-94, 97-103 are allowed.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 104-105 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melur Ramakrishnaiah whose telephone number is (571)272-8098. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 Hr schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curt Kuntz can be reached on (571) 272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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